

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claim 30, and add new claims 46-50 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for one of a plurality of designated recipients of an Email communication to receive the Email, comprising:

providing an Email communication program on a server that is configured with instructions to store a single copy of the Email communication on the server if the Email communication is designated for the plurality of recipients;

receiving on a recipient's computer system an Email communication notification from the server that references the single copy of the Email communication, the Email communication notification distinct from the Email communication;

requesting from the server the referenced Email communication, the request being sent to the Email communication program from the recipient's computer system;

receiving by the recipient's computer system from the server, the requested Email communication;

tracking each recipient's delete and save instruction;

saving the Email communication on the server if any one of the recipients indicate it is to be saved; and

when it is determined that the Email communication has been sent and accessed by all of the recipients, deleting the stored Email communication by the Email communication program if none of the recipients indicate it is to be saved.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 including receiving the Email communication notification, storing the Email communication notification locally on the recipient's computer system.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 including storing the Email communication locally by the recipient on the recipient's computer system such that the local stored Email communication is preserved even when the Email communication program deletes the single stored copy of the Email communication from the server.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the Email communication received from the server is encrypted using a public encryption key for the one of the plurality of designated recipients, and including retrieving a private encryption key for the one of the plurality of designated recipients to decrypt the Email communication.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the acts of receiving the notification, requesting the Email communication and receiving the Email communication are performed by a receiving computer lacking sufficient permanent storage to store the Email communication.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein contents of the received Email communication notification are based on preferences for the one of the plurality of designated recipients, the preferences previously supplied to the server configured with the Email communication program.

37-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for one of a plurality of designated recipients of an Email communication to receive the Email communication, comprising:

providing an Email communication program on a server that is configured with instructions to store a single copy of the Email communication on the server if the Email communication is designated for the plurality of recipients;

receiving on a recipient's computer system an Email communication notification from the server that references the single copy of the Email communication, the Email communication notification being distinct from the Email communication;

requesting from the server the referenced Email communication, the request being sent to the Email communication program from the recipient's computer system;

receiving by the recipient's computer system from the server, the requested Email communication;

tracking each recipient's delete or save instruction;

saving the Email communication on the server if any one of the recipients indicate it is to be saved; and

when it is determined that the Email communication has been sent and accessed by all of the recipients, deleting the stored Email communication by the Email communication program if none of the recipients indicate it is to be saved.

46. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 45 wherein the Email communication notification received from the server is encrypted.

47. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 45 wherein the Email communication notification is a link to the Email communication

48. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 45 wherein the Email communication notification can vary based on each recipients preferences.

49. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 45 wherein act of requesting from the server the referenced Email communication further comprises determining whether a requester has access to view the message.

50. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 45 further comprising storing the email communication to a recipient computer system.